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SUBJECT: Weekly Missouri Influenza Report 2002-2003 Season

(All data in this report are provisional and may change as reports are updated.)

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Missouri is reporting "sporadic influenza activity" to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Reported Laboratory Confirmed Cases by Sub-type For the Week Ending December 28, 2002 (Week 52)							
Serogroups A (non-typed) A (H3N2) A (H1N1) B A or B Untyped (rapid test) Total						Total	
Week	2	0	0	9	26	37	
Season-to-date*	3	0	0	15	70	88	

^{*}The influenza season begins with week 40 (week ending October 5, 2002) and ends with week 20 (week ending May 17, 2003).

Clusters/Outbreaks of Influenza-like Illness For the Week Ending December 28, 2002 (Week 52)								
Health District	Central	Eastern	NE	NW	SE	SW	Season- to-date	Last Year Season- to-date
School Closings	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Community Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Long Term Care or Institutional Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Other Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season-to-date	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	19

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths							
For the Week Ending December 21, 2002 (Week 51)							
Week 51	Season-to -date	Week 51 Last Season	10 Year Weekly Median				
22	296	17	30 *				

^{*} Prior to 1999, P&I data were collected from week 46 through week 17; therefore, the ten-year median will be noted only during those weeks.

U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network (US ISPSN) Influenza-like Illness (ILI) For the Week Ending December 28, 2002 (Week 52)							
Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-64	Age 65+	Total ILI Patients Seen	Total Patients Seen	Percent ILI	
17	14	26	0	57	1,205	4.73%*	

^{*}This percentage is higher than the national baseline of 1.9%.

Additional data received through the US ISPSN indicates that the percent ILI has been above the national baseline during week 45 (2.03%), week 48 (2.51%), week 49 (2.64%), week 50 (3.60%), and week 51 (3.82%).

Respiratory Specimens Submitted to SPHL for Viral Testing For the Week Ending December 28, 2002 (Week 52)								
	Positive Specimens							
	Influenza	Para- influenza	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Adeno- virus	Rhino- virus	Entero- virus	Total Number Specimens Submitted	
Week	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	
Season-to-date	2	3	0	1	0	3	58	

Sources of Data: Laboratory confirmed cases are reported to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) passive communicable disease surveillance system through the disease registry. Suspected influenza clusters and outbreaks are reported through the active surveillance system. Pneumonia and influenza deaths are reported through the DHSS Bureau of Vital Records. Influenza-like illness data by age category and total number of patient visits by week are reported voluntarily by participants in the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network.

This report may also be found on the DHSS Internet at: www.dhss.state.mo.us/Influenza/index.html. National influenza surveillance information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services after hours number for reporting disease cases and emergencies is 1-800-392-0272.

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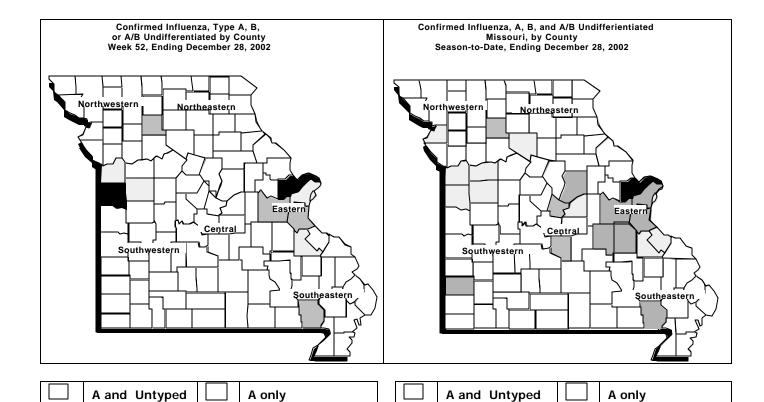
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